
David Riaño Ramos 2026 Award **to the best Master Thesis of the Interuniversity Master** **on Artificial Intelligence UPC-URV-UB**

Announced Award by the Academic Committee of the Interuniversity Master in Artificial Intelligence UPC-URV-UB (MAI).

Award regulations and call

1. Object

The purpose of these rules is to regulate the call for the David Riaño Ramos Award for the year 2026 for the best master thesis of the Interuniversity Master in Artificial Intelligence UPC-URV-UB (hereafter MAI).

The award consists of a certificate signed by the MAI coordinator and the amount of 1,000 euros.

2. Requirements for candidates and submission of the Master's Theses.

- Applicants must be students who have completed the inter-university Master's in Artificial Intelligence (UPC-URV-UB) and have finished their Final Master's Thesis.

The MAI Master's Theses must have been defended between 1 September 2025 and 31 August 2026, and must have received a grade higher than 9.

- The Master's Theses must not have any confidentiality requirements or legal restrictions that would prevent the publication of the thesis through the UPC library service, as well as the dissemination of the thesis summary if it is selected as the winner.

3. Selection Process

Automatically, all Master's Theses from the MAI program that meet the requirements outlined in point 2 of these guidelines will be considered.

Candidates will be notified via email of their automatic participation in this award and will be informed of the option to withdraw from the competition by the date specified in point 4 of these guidelines.

4. Deadline for withdrawing from participation in the Award

Candidates may withdraw from participation in the award, by replying to the notification email received, until 15 September 2026 (inclusive).

5. Award

The award consists of a certificate signed by the MAI coordinator and the amount of 1.000 euros.

This prize will be subject to the appropriate withholding taxes.

The prize money will be financed 50% by FIB-UPC and 50% by ETSE-URV. In order to simplify administrative management, the full amount of the prize will be paid alternately to each of the two centres. In the 2026 edition, payment will be made by the Barcelona School of Informatics (FIB-UPC).

6. Evaluation criteria

The jury will evaluate the works presented according to the following criteria:

- The originality of the work
- Research or application contributions
- Methodology used to solve the problem
- Quality of work and written manuscript
- Other criteria considered by the jury: impact, publications, applicability, etc.

7. Selection procedure

The theses will be evaluated and the award decision will be made by a subcommittee appointed by the MAI Academic Committee.

If it deems it appropriate, the committee may request the technical and professional advice it deems necessary to complete the evaluation of the works.

The decision will be taken before 5 October 2026.

The award may be declared void.

8. Resolution and Award reception

The resolution will be made public on the FIB website and will be communicated personally to the winner, via email.

The award will be presented at the graduation ceremony of the Degree in Artificial Intelligence of the Barcelona School of Informatics (FIB) of the Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya which will take place on October 23, 2026, in Barcelona

The winner must be present at the event to receive the prize, and must make a short public presentation of the work done.

9. Intellectual property and data protection.

The winner authorizes the UPC, the URV and the UB to disseminate the title of the work, their name and a summary of the project in their communication channels, always respecting intellectual property rights and any existing legal limitations.

10. Acceptance of the rules and conditions for the call

Participation in this call implies full acceptance of these rules.

In everything that is not expressly provided for in these bases, the precepts contained in Chapter IX of the revised text of the Public Finances Act of Catalonia, approved by Legislative Decree 3/2002, of December 24, apply; the basic precepts of Law 38/2003, of 17 November, general subsidies, and Law 26/2010, of 3 August, on the legal regime and procedure of the public administrations of Catalonia, and Law 39/ 2015, of October 1, of the common administrative procedure of public administrations.